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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB1808  
RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Hearing Date: Friday, February 12, 2016

Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None for the department.

2 **Department Testimony:** Thank you for the opportunity to provide COMMENTS on this bill.

3 The department does not oppose greenhouses or other proposed open air facilities.

4 However, the bill, as written, should define certain terms and ideas so as to provide the  
5 clarification necessary to enable the department to draft rules that effectuate the legislature's  
6 intent. In addition, the department recommends that this bill be deferred until the dispensaries  
7 are operational and their operations and impact can be assessed.

8 Should the legislature proceed to enact the measure, the department requests that clear  
9 definitions be provided in the bill. The proposed language does not include definitions of the  
10 terms "greenhouse", "shade house", or a "fenced-in open-air growing operation", nor does it  
11 define how the grow site should be secured. The legislature does not define the manner or type  
12 of fence that would be required or deemed permissible. The legislature should provide specific  
13 requirements such as height, thickness, construction materials permissible, and whether the  
14 fencing can be topped with barbed wire, or other materials or products to discourage theft,

1 encourage product security and safety and control visibility. The definitions and description  
2 would provide a clear framework for what constitutes an acceptable production center. It would  
3 also provide clear and unambiguous direction to the department so that DOH may effectuate the  
4 legislature's intent when drafting related administrative rules.

5         The statutory definitions would also provide an opportunity to address the safety, security  
6 and construction concerns that an outdoor facility presents. The definitions should ensure that  
7 the statute includes certain minimum standards those facilities would require. Outdoor facilities  
8 present security issues for the licensees, patients and the public that enclosed facilities address.  
9 Given the nature of the crop being grown, it is reasonable to expect that an outdoor facility such  
10 as a greenhouse, shade house, and open-air grow site will be significantly more vulnerable to  
11 theft and diversion of product than an enclosed and locked facility as currently provided for  
12 under the statute. While the licensees may have a less expensive growing facility or location, the  
13 increased cost of security as well as the costs and the impact on patient access to the product,  
14 public safety and the taxpayers must be considered and balanced accordingly. Theft and/or  
15 destruction of marijuana or manufactured products will decrease the availability of products to  
16 patients and increase costs, i.e., when supply is low and demand is high, higher prices are usually  
17 the result. Investigation and prosecution of criminals who take advantage of the accessibility of  
18 an outdoor facility will place additional demands law enforcement, judicial and prison personnel  
19 and other resources, further burdening taxpayers.

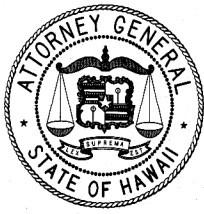
20         The department respectfully requests that the bill be deferred. The timing of this bill  
21 creates an unfair business climate by changing the criteria for a license before the the award of  
22 the first dispensary licenses. Applicants submitted proposals that contemplate secure growing

1 facilities and the costs associated with them. It can be assumed that if applicants could avail  
2 themselves of the types of structures contemplated in this bill, several if not all of the proposed  
3 financing, construction and business plans for production centers would be significantly  
4 different. Further, persons without the financial resources to afford a more optimal or secure  
5 grow facility might have submitted license applications.

6       There are sufficient and justifiable reasons to ask for this bill to be deferred until  
7 dispensaries are operational so as to evaluate their success, including the security measures  
8 provided for under the current law. Fundamental fairness demand that the legislature not punish  
9 those who have submitted their application in reliance upon the law as written. A measure of  
10 predictability is a foundational requirement that will enable the licensees and the department to  
11 achieve success in establishing the Medical Marijuana Licensed Dispensary Program in Hawaii.  
12 However, should the legislature proceed on this bill, the department requests that the legislature  
13 provide clear definitions and guidance in the type of structures it deems appropriate.

14       Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill.

15       **Offered Amendments:** None.



## **TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2016**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

**H.B. NO. 1808, RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA.**

**BEFORE THE:**

**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND ON JUDICIARY**

**DATE:** Friday, February 12, 2016

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 329

**TESTIFIER(S):** Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or  
Tara K.C.S. Molnar, Deputy Attorney General

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Chairs Belatti and Rhoads and Members of the Committees:

The Department of the Attorney General provides comments on this bill.

This bill would amend section 329D-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), to allow medical marijuana dispensary production centers to include greenhouses, shade houses, or fenced-in open-air growing operations, provided that they shall be secured at all times and "shall not be visible from any street or road used by the public nor visible to adjoining landowners" (page 1, lines 9-13).

The proposed wording on page 1, lines 9 through 13 raises some concerns. The terms "shade house" and "fenced-in open-air growing operations" are vague. This ambiguity could be resolved by defining these terms.

Likewise, the wording "shall not be visible" (page 1, line 12) is unclear regarding whether the structure itself shall not be visible or whether the phrase refers to its interior. This ambiguity could also be resolved by clarifying the phrase "shall not be visible."

The Department of the Attorney General respectfully recommends that if the Committees move this measure forward, they amend the bill as suggested.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Bergquist	Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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**TO:** HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH & JUDICIARY

**FROM:** PAMELA LICHTY, M.P.H., PRESIDENT

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 12, 2016, 9:30 a.m., ROOM 329

**RE:** H.B. 1808 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA – **IN SUPPORT**

Good morning, Chairs Belatti, Chair Rhoads; Vice Chairs Creagan and San Buenaventura, and members of the Committees. My name is Pam Lichty and I'm President of the Drug Policy Action Group (DPAG), the government affairs arm of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii.

DPAG is in strong support of this measure which restores common sense to the issue of what kind of structure should house medical marijuana production centers. In a state with the highest electricity costs in the nation and an abundance of natural sunshine, the notion of restricting growing to an "enclosed indoor facility" makes no sense. It is wasteful of energy resources and would add to what will be in all likelihood very high overhead costs for cannabis production. There are many new styles of structures in existence that would easily meet the criteria of the measure here, i.e. to shield the interior of the building from public view.

We urge the Committees to pass out this measure to address and correct this overreaching of the DOH administrative rules in which they went beyond the plain language of the law.

Mahalo for hearing this very important corrective measure and for giving us the opportunity to testify today.

## TESTIMONY

**The Libertarian Party of Hawaii  
c/o 1658 Liholiho St #205  
Honolulu, HI 96822**

RE: HB 1808 to be heard Friday February 12, at 9:30 AM in conference room 329

### **SUPPORT**

To the Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary

We support the intent of this bill which will remove certain burdens placed on the medical marijuana program. We would like to see all of these rules regarding fencing, alarms etc., repealed. The growing, processing, sale, distribution, and use of marijuana should not be regulated or in any way illegal.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Ryan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tracy Ryan, Chair



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**TESTIFIER(S):** Antoinette Lilley, President, or Christopher Garth, Executive Director

Honorable Chairs Belatti and Rhoads, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance submits the following testimony in **SUPPORT (with reservations) of H.B.1808 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA**, which allows medical marijuana production centers to be greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air growing operations, provided that they are not visible from any thoroughfare

Your Committees may recall that the comments of the Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance were solicited on this matter at an Informational Briefing before the Joint Committees on Health, on December 28, 2016.<sup>1</sup> The Alliance provided comments that addressed the Hawai'i State Department of Health (DoH) Administrative Rules (§11-850-2) that specifically excluded the use of greenhouses and/or shade houses as acceptable growing facilities for future recipients of the Hawai'i's medical marijuana dispensary licenses, as prescribed by HRS§ 329-D.

The changes proposed by the language of H.B. 1808 would significantly reduce dispensary energy and construction costs, discourage the black market, and help the State meet its HB623 mandate to convert to 100% renewables by 2045.

First, and foundational to the other arguments, running a completely indoor facility for 3,000 plants as currently described by DoH's rules is prohibitively expensive due to Hawai'i having the highest electricity costs in the nation. The cost to run two facilities per license is even more. One frequent cost estimate that we received from dispensary applicants based on the current rule is that each 3,000 plant grow operation will cost a dispensary applicant approximately \$60,000 per month. This is just the cost of electricity for one "enclosed indoor facility" grow operation, and does not include the costs of running the rest of the grow operation or the dispensing and manufacturing operations. That \$60,000 per month per grow operation pays for approximately 13,000 barrels of oil per year. This single industry, with only 16 grow operations, will increase the State of Hawai'i's total energy consumption by 208,000 barrels of oil a

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<sup>1</sup> Our testimony from that hearing is available at: <http://hawaiidispensaryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2015.12.28-Alliance-Testimony.pdf>.



year, almost 2%. Needless to say, this expense is not sustainable for dispensaries, either fiscally or environmentally.

In order to stay solvent, this expense, which is not a deductible business expense for federal tax purposes, will be passed on to the patients, substantially raising the price of legitimate medical cannabis and incentivizing patients to seek relief from the black market. Dispensaries will hire fewer workers and pay them less, hurting the industry's potential to bring good new jobs to the islands.

Additionally, HB321 requires that Hawai'i achieve 100% renewable energy sustainability by 2045. Adding whole percentage points of capacity requirements to the network is not only fiscally and environmentally unsustainable, but will strain HECO's current network and significantly increase the cost of the State's conversion to renewables by 2045. Hawai'i has an abundance of sun and mild weather, it would be a shame to see grow operations in Hawai'i confined to warehouses instead of the increasingly industry standard hybrid greenhouse.

Our reservations rest on the introduction of language that incorporates open-air grow operations. The Alliance does not believe that this amendment poses a concern for public safety or criminal diversion of the implied product. Our concern is rooted in the industry's commitment to cultivate and provide the highest quality, contaminant free, product. Our testimony supporting substantive amendments to language and numerical values in H.B. 2709 regarding pesticide levels would have to be revisited. The industry standards cited in other Alliance testimony pertain only to indoor and hybrid greenhouse environments. The Alliance suggests that separate testing standards may need to be considered for open-air growing operations.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Hawai'i Dispensary Alliance **SUPPORTS(with reservations)** the amendments to HRS § 329-D-6 (f) and recommends that **H.B 1808**, which will allow medical marijuana production centers to be greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air growing operations, provided that they are not visible from any thoroughfare, be moved forward for further discussion.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miles W. Tuttle	Kush Bottles Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Tischler	Americans for Safe Access Big Island Chapter	Support	No

Comments: Big Island Chapter of Americans for Safe Access support HB1808 for many reasons: 1. It will provide greater access to patients in lowering the cost of medicine to patients as a result of cannabis being grown in a greenhouse using natural sunlight. 2. The DOH outstepped its bounds in ruling that the medicine be grown only in warehouses under lights. 3. With the high cost of electricity in Hawai'i growing under lights will be extraordinarily expensive for the grow facility owner. These electrical costs will be passed off to the patient. 4. From the standpoint of energy efficiency growing under lights is in opposition to energy sustainability goals and is antithetical to future energy independence by 2045. 5. Greenhouse theft in US medical cannabis states is not a problem. Owners naturally would want to protect their plants by installing elaborate security technology. 6. Hawai'i has sunny weather that supports the use of greenhouses. Why not use that what is free to us?

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Sakala	Kona Chapter Hawaii Farmers Union United	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Au Belatti, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chairs and Committee members, Thank you for taking my testimony on late notice. I am writing in strong support of HB 1808. Last year when I advocated for the dispensary bill I could not have imagined the possibility that medicinal cannabis would be regulated to be grown indoors. Having been a farm for over 20 years and almost as long working with medicinal cannabis I have high hopes that Hawaii can become a model to other states of how to produce high quality medicine for patients while creating a sustainable agriculture model. When I gave testimony for the dispensary bill and wrote a white paper on behalf of the State Board of the Hawaii Farmers Union we asked that all cannabis be tested for contaminants so patient health would be the utmost priority. It is likely the DOH, not having experience in this field, did not realize that by regulating this crop indoors they have increased the potential of higher usage of certain pesticides. Not to say that greenhouse or outdoor growing doesn't have its challenges with pests but indoor growing is know to have much higher demand for stronger and more potent pesticides. I also have a hard time with the disconnect between last years legislation passed to have Hawaii become energy independent by 2045 and the DOH rules that force medicinal cannabis indoors. This will be a HUGE energy draw on our grid and create a massive carbon footprint for an industry that could be carbon neutral. I hope that these committees will take seriously the benefits to patients health, our environment and our agriculture potential by passing HB 1808 so that further discussion can take place on this important subject. Mahalo for your time and service, Steve Sakala President Kona Chapter HFUU District 5 Chair Democratic Party

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Testimony in Opposition to HB 1808 – Relating to Medical Marijuana  
Hearing on February 12, 2016 at 9:30 am  
Conference Room 329 of the State Capitol

TO: Committee on Health  
Rep Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Rep Richard Creagan, Vice Chair

Committee on Judiciary  
Rep Karl Rhoades, Chair  
Rep Joy San Buenaventura, Vice Chair

FR: Alan Shinn, Executive Director  
Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii  
1130 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite A259  
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(808) 545-3228 x29

Please accept this testimony in opposition to HB 1808 – Relating to Medical Marijuana, that would allow marijuana production centers to be in greenhouses, shade houses, and open-air grow sites, provided that they are not visible from any throughfare.

Act 241 tried to provide for a well-regulated and compassionate medical marijuana dispensary system. The purpose of growing marijuana in enclosed, secure warehouses was to reduce the possibility of theft, diversion of product, and unauthorized entry by minors.

Allowing outdoor grow sites and greenhouses for marijuana production will likely make it more difficult to secure and make it easier for diversion of product.

If the intent of HB 1808 is to make the price line for dispensary grown marijuana more competitive with the black market marijuana, it should be stated that way. Saving money on energy costs for lighting and air conditioning may be factors, but not a big one to the well-financed medical marijuana license holders, who should accept that these costs are part of doing business.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on HB 1808.

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**HB1808**

Submitted on: 2/10/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Binder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Members, It is absurd to contend that a greenhouse facility cannot be secured. The federal government's own marijuana grow site is a combination of a greenhouses and an open air farm. Please pass this bill to return common sense to Section 329D-6 of the medical marijuana law. Thank you, Matt Binder Waimea

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Stacy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is common sense. I STRONGLY support any measure that keeps cultivation by patients permissible under the law. Requiring patients to purchase and operate an indoor grow is unacceptable. Legislation has been proposed to prohibit patients from growing their own medicine, and restrict all production to cartel members.. oh, excuse me, dispensary owners. Piracy, plain and simple. The creation of a cartel by legislation. I oppose any measure that prohibits cost effective, environmentally ethical, cultivation of cannabis by patients or their caregivers.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Gordon	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I SUPPORT HB 1808. I believe the greenhouse prohibition that the Department of Health's rules created was outside the bounds that Act 241 set. Allowing marijuana to be grown in greenhouses will make it available to more patients. I do agree that prescribed security measures should be set up for these particular greenhouses to ensure the general public does not have ready access. Additional locations for growing marijuana could contribute to cost savings to patients. Respectively submitted Mark Gordon Waikoloa HI.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maria Guardino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Good day, Please allow growers of medicinal cannabis to grow using natural resources that are so readily available in Hawaii. - The greenhouse prohibition that the Department of Health's rules created was outside the bounds that Act 241 (formerly known as HB321 --the dispensary bill) set. - This specific rule defies the will of the people and will most likely impede a patient's access to affordable medicine. Let's keep patients our priority, Thank you, Maria Guardino

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matthew Brittain, LCSW	Effective Change, LLC	Support	No

Comments: This bill will overcome a logistic weakness in the current medical marijuana dispensary law. Hawaii has plenty of sunshine, and as such can help provide a free resource. In addition, outdoor grow cannabis has a wider range of effective cannabinoids, and will allow for a higher quality product if done properly.

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AlanaRoss	Individual	Support	No

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## **Medical Marijuana is Good for the Public Health Recreational Marijuana is Good for the Public Safety**

The War on Drugs turned out to be:

- a War on Marijuana,
- a War on Healthcare and
- a War on Public Safety

Fortunately not so much Hawaii, but on the mainland our Nation is plagued by pill popping culture of pharmaceutical abuse and flooded with waves of off shore cheap Heroin. The current Governor of NJ, a former Federal Prosecuting Attorney emptied out and shut down the jail turned it into a medical drug rehabilitation clinic and turned the Heroin epidemic around.

The Facts and the Stats:

(Total Annual Arrests by Year and Category) Although the intent of a 'War on Drugs' may have been to target drug smugglers and 'King Pins,' according to the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Reports, of the 1,561,231 arrests for drug law violations in 2014, 83.1% (1,297,383) were for mere possession of a controlled substance. Only 16.9% (263,848) were for the sale or manufacturing of a drug. Further, the majority (44.9%) of drug arrests in 2014 were for marijuana -- a total of 700,992. Of those, an estimated 619,809 arrests (39.7% of all drug arrests) were for marijuana possession alone. By contrast in 2000, a total of 734,497 Americans were arrested for marijuana offenses, of which 646,042 (40.9%) were for possession alone. –

*(Effect of Medical Marijuana Legalization On Crime Rates)* "In sum, these findings run counter to arguments suggesting the legalization of marijuana for medical purposes poses a danger to public health in terms of exposure to violent crime and property crimes. To be sure, medical marijuana laws were not found to have a crime exacerbating effect on any of the seven crime types. On the contrary, our findings indicated that MML precedes a reduction in homicide and assault. While it is important to remain cautious when interpreting these findings as evidence that MML reduces crime, these results do fall in line with recent evidence [29] and they conform to the longstanding notion that marijuana legalization may lead to a reduction in alcohol use due to individuals substituting marijuana for alcohol [see generally 29, 30]. Given the relationship between alcohol and violent crime [31], it may turn out that substituting marijuana for alcohol leads to minor reductions in violent crimes that can be detected at the state level. That said, it also remains possible that these associations are statistical artifacts (recall that only the homicide effect holds up when a Bonferroni correction is made)."

**Source:**

Robert G. Morris, Michael TenEyck, JC Barnes, and Tomislav V. Kovandzic, "The Effect of Medical Marijuana Laws On Crime: Evidence From State Panel Data, 1990-2006," *PLoS ONE* 9(3): e92816. March 2014. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0092816  
<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0092816>

**(Marijuana Use and Violent Behavior)** "Laboratory studies also find no link between THC intoxication and violence. Most people who ingest THC before performing a competitive task in the laboratory do not show more aggression than people who receive placebos; occasionally they show decreased hostility. Numerous scientific panels sponsored by various governments invariably report that marijuana does not lead to violence.(751)"

**Source:**

Carter, Gregory T.; Earleywine, Mitchell; McGill, Jason T., "Exhibit B: Statement of Grounds," Rulemaking petition to reclassify cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I controlled substance to a Schedule II (Office of Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor Rhode Island and Office of Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of Washington: Letter to Michelle Leonhard, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, November 30, 2011), p. 38.  
<http://big.assets.huffingtonpost.com/chafee.pdf>

**Sociopolitical Research**

**(1972 National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse)** "Rather than inducing violent or aggressive behavior through its purported effects of lowering inhibitions, weakening impulse control and heightening aggressive tendencies, marihuana was usually found to inhibit the expression of aggressive impulses by pacifying the user, interfering with muscular coordination, reducing psychomotor activities and generally producing states of drowsiness lethargy, timidity and passivity."

**Source:**

Shafer, Raymond P., et al, Marihuana: A Signal of Misunderstanding, Ch. III, (Washington DC: National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse, 1972).  
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## ***Not only Studies and Reports***

**But also REAL WROLD CRIME STATISTICS  
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the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana.**

## Status Report:

# Marijuana Legalization in Colorado After One Year of Retail Sales and Two Years of Decriminalization



**Since the first retail marijuana stores opened on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, the state of Colorado has benefitted from a decrease in crime rates, a decrease in traffic fatalities, an increase in tax revenue and economic output from retail marijuana sales, and an increase in jobs.**

### Arrests and Judicial Savings

According to data from the Colorado Court System, marijuana possession arrests have dropped 84% since 2010. In 2010, 9,011 people were arrested for marijuana possession. Using the same data we are projecting 1,464 possession arrests for 2014. Given that arrests such as these cost roughly \$300 to adjudicate, it is reasonable to infer that the state is saving millions in adjudicatory costs for possession cases alone in 2014 compared to 2010. Over the same period, arrests for cultivating and distributing marijuana have also dropped by more than 90%.

### Decrease in Crime Rates

According to data released by the city of Denver, violent crime and property crime in Denver decreased in 2014.<sup>i</sup> Violent crime in Denver went down by 2.2% in the first 11 months of 2014, compared with the first 11 months of 2013. In the same period, burglaries in Denver decreased by 9.5% and overall property crime decreased by 8.9%.

### Tax Revenue

Data released by the state Department of Revenue reveal that tax revenue from retail marijuana sales amounted to \$40.9 million between January 2014 and October 2014, not including revenue from medical marijuana and licenses and fees.<sup>ii</sup>

Of the marijuana tax revenue already collected, the Colorado joint budget committee set aside \$2.5 million to increase the number of health professionals in Colorado public schools.<sup>iii</sup> In November 2014, the state awarded the first \$975,000 in grants to Colorado schools to be used to hire health professionals.<sup>iv</sup> The funds help fill a critical gap in Colorado school districts, which suffer from a shortage of school health workers due to 2011 budget cuts.<sup>v</sup> Many of the newly hired health workers, including nurses and social workers, will focus on mental health support and on programs to educate students about drug use.<sup>vi</sup>

### Decrease in Traffic Fatalities

Traffic fatalities went down in 2014, according to data released by the Colorado Department of Transportation,<sup>vii</sup> challenging claims that the legalization of marijuana would lead to an increase in traffic fatalities.

In the first 11 months of 2014, the state had 436 traffic fatalities, a 3% drop from the 449 fatalities in the first 11 months of 2013. The decline in fatalities in 2014 marks a continuation of a 12-year long downward trend in traffic fatalities in the state of Colorado.<sup>viii</sup>

## Economic Benefits

Colorado has the fastest growing economy in the United States,<sup>ix</sup> and Colorado's unemployment rate is at a six-year low.<sup>x</sup>

According to the Department of Revenue, 16,000 people were licensed to work in the marijuana industry as of December 31, 2014,<sup>xi</sup> though not all those with licenses may be actively working in the industry.

Jack Strauss, an economist at the University of Denver, assessed the economic impact of two dispensaries in Denver, Evergreen Apothecary and Colorado Harvest Company.<sup>xii</sup> Workers at the two dispensaries receive an average wage of \$17 per hour. Strauss found that the economic impact of the two dispensaries amounted to 280 jobs and \$30 million in total economic output between January 1, 2014 and June 30, 2014, and that the two dispensaries contribute 10 times the tax revenue of either a typical restaurant or retail store.

## Youth Prevention Efforts

The state has allocated more than \$8 million in retail marijuana tax revenue for youth prevention and education, mental health and community-based developmental programs.<sup>xiii</sup> In addition to the \$2.5 million allocated to fund health workers in Colorado schools, \$2 million of marijuana tax revenue has been allocated to help fund community-based youth services programs that offer mentoring and focus on drug prevention and school retention, and over \$4.3 million will fund school-based outreach programs for students using marijuana.

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<sup>i</sup>[http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/720/documents/statistics/2014/UCR\\_Citywide\\_Reported%20\\_Offenses\\_2014.pdf](http://www.denvergov.org/Portals/720/documents/statistics/2014/UCR_Citywide_Reported%20_Offenses_2014.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup><https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/revenue/colorado-marijuana-tax-data>

<sup>iii</sup><http://www.colorado.gov/ccjdir/Resources/Resources/Leg/2014/SB14-215.pdf>

<sup>iv</sup>[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_26926069/colorado-hands-out-975-000-pot-funds-schools](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_26926069/colorado-hands-out-975-000-pot-funds-schools)

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<sup>vii</sup><http://www.coloradodot.info/library/traffic/traffic-manuals-guidelines/safety-crash-data/fatal-crash-data-city-county>

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<sup>ix</sup> <http://www.businessinsider.com/state-economic-growth-rankings-2014-8>

<sup>x</sup><https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/news/november-2014-colorado-employment-situation>

<sup>xi</sup>Email communication from Natriece Bryant, Communications Specialist, Colorado Department of Revenue, Executive Director's Office, January 5, 2014.

<sup>xii</sup>[http://static.squarespace.com/static/53af57cfe4b07bdcd67a25e/t/53eaaae7e4b07639494363e7/1407888103203/CHC-EA\\_EconomicImpactStudy\\_080814+%281%29.pdf](http://static.squarespace.com/static/53af57cfe4b07bdcd67a25e/t/53eaaae7e4b07639494363e7/1407888103203/CHC-EA_EconomicImpactStudy_080814+%281%29.pdf)

<sup>xiii</sup>[http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2014a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/A9002841A8B1E5A087257CB4007E3F99?Open&file=215\\_e nr.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2014a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/A9002841A8B1E5A087257CB4007E3F99?Open&file=215_e nr.pdf)



Support HB1808 with modifications

Delete:

12 ... shall not be visible from any street or  
13 road used by the public nor visible to adjoining landowners.

This limitation does not serve any legitimate purpose and merely limits suitable locations for no good reason.

Better to require the Oath of Office and Apply the Rule of Lenity.

A few years ago the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii ordered broad based medical marijuana reform. The minority opinion was that the lack of access to medical marijuana was an ABSURDITY. And last session the Legislature moved forward the first legislation giving patients access to medical marijuana through dispensaries.

The Constitution empowers the State to protect and promote the public health. The 3 A's of "availability, accessibility and affordability" of health care set the public health standards. The dispensaries provide for the availability of some kind of product but may fall short of availability, accessibility and affordability of Pharmaceutical Quality medicine. The lack of an effective competition and stifling the free market will harm consumers in all aspects

However the majority opinion on Medical Marijuana Reform has not been addressed. The Majority Opinion of the Court found that the Medical Marijuana Laws were IRRECONSIABLY CONFLICTED. The Court ruled that conflicts in the statutes would be resolved under THE RULE OF LENITY. [The Rule of Lenity: in construing an ambiguous criminal statute, a court should resolve the ambiguity in favor of the defendant.] The Court declared that any conflict in the law would be resolved in favor of the defendant ordering an acquittal.

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In a similar fashion the Legislature should avoid wasting Judiciary Resources, Police Resources and Individual Lives and due their due diligence and apply the Rule of Lenity.

The first conflict to look at is HRS 329-14 Schedule 1 (20) marijuana and HRS 329 Part IX Medical Marijuana beginning at HRS 329-121.

HRS 329 part IX holds that medical marijuana is a necessary, appropriate and relatively safe medicine whereas Schedule 1 is for the most dangerous substances.

Clearly one medicine cannot be both a necessary, appropriate and relatively safe medicine and one of most dangerous substances. The irreconcilable conflict created in the statutes under the

Rule of Lenity the courts should resolve this ambiguity in favor of the defendant and order an acquittal. The Legislature should avoid irreconcilable conflicts and absurdity in making law.

HRS 329-14 Schedule 1 (20) marijuana under the Rule of Lenity is **inferior** to the Medical use of marijuana where marijuana is declared as being a necessary, appropriate and relatively safe medicine

HRS 329-14 Schedule 1 (20) marijuana should be deleted from the books:-

Then like a house of cards all the criminal code on marijuana falls again without the support of Schedule 1.

The Legislature should not waste judicial and police resources by maintaining irreconcilable conflicts in the statutes. The responsible act is to streamline the law and eliminate irreconcilable conflicts.

If we examine these irreconcilable conflicts we see that there are two sides,

1. the law enforcement side and
2. The medical need patient side.

The Rule of Lenity favors the medical need patient side. Therefore the law enforcement side must be deleted under the Rule of Lenity.

In addition the Oath of Office requires Legislators and others to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as ..... to best of my ability.

The Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, both support and protect health care. The Right of Privacy has a purpose in this situation. Add to support and protection for the Public Health and Public Safety and the way or Marijuana reform is clear.

Three other States already have Legalized Recreational Marijuana; we need equal protection under the Law.

Law Enforcement testimony must comply with the Oath of Office and protect and promote medical marijuana and health care delivery or they should be sanctioned by the legislature.

Under the court ordered marijuana reform, the State should get busy promulgating law for the legalization and regulation of marijuana and the development of Hawaii in this multi-Billion dollar business.

## Complaint against Oath of Office Holders

The Legislature has conveniently exempted themselves from criminal acts while performing their duties as a Legislator. It is not surprising that there isn't any Law that citizens can rely upon to have the Oath of Office enforced and Oath violators removed. We are a Nation of Laws except for Oath holders. Although this Constitutional requirement is for the protection of the People, the Oath holders themselves have been derelict in their duties so as to protect bad people in Government including police officers and prominent government officials.

The Marijuana Laws are for the protection and promotion of Organized Crime and fail to meet the health care needs of the State.

Hawaii Supreme Court has opined that marijuana is a medicine and that lack of access to medical marijuana was an Absurdity. The Court also opined that any conflict in Law would be resolved in favor of the defendant. Any conflict with the Constitution would also be resolved in favor of the Constitution and the defendant's rights to health care.

1. The Right of Privacy is established; we do not need to establish it again.
2. Medical Marijuana is a medicine under HRS 329 Part IX as established by law; we do not need to establish it again.
3. All medicine, all health care, is protected by law and is protected under the Constitution by the Right of Privacy.
4. Due to bad Jurisprudence the Right of Privacy has been by law enforcement and the courts by establishing the Commerce Clause as superior to the Right of Privacy, not in harmony with the Rule of Lenity and subsequently caused the various states to lose their Commerce Clause.
5. The Right of Privacy is absolute; no power is no power.
6. Any and all restrictions on health care delivery by government are violations of the Right of Privacy and a violation of the Oath.
7. Violating the Oath shall result in sanctions.

The State is required to protect and promote the public health including medical marijuana health care. The State is required to apply the Right of Privacy not just with abortions but with all medical care. The State of Hawaii lacks a Commerce clause. The State of Hawaii has failed to provide any scientific or medical evidence that suggests that marijuana is a dangerous drug. We get nothing but a law enforcement web of lies and bad law.

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Although the law states in part under HRS § 329-125, which requires that "the qualifying patient . . . strictly complied with the requirements of [Chapter 329, Part IX].", it should also be known that the law must also strictly comply with both Constitutions and the Right of Privacy.

At the time of my arrest it was Federal Department of Justice policy was to NOT ARREST CANCER PATIENTS GROWING MARIJUANA IN THEIR BACK YARD AS MEDICINE. Arresting and prosecuting a Cancer patient in violation of Department of Justice policy and protocols is not being a person of good moral character. IMHO all violations of Naturopathic Medicine is a Color of Law Crime and a Crime against Humanity for profiteering by corporate America, Big Pharma, AMA and the Insurance industry.

A person of good moral character would protect and promote the public health including Medical Marijuana healthcare.

Currently under Federal Law the State's Rights to promulgate Medical Marijuana laws are recognized and protected under the Budget Law. This is endorsed and supported by the Justice Department. However this law must comply with both the State and Federal Constitution.

A person of good moral character would respect and protect our State and Federal Constitutions and my Right of Privacy. A person of good moral character would respect and protect my right to take care of my own medical needs in harmony with Traditional Naturopathic Medical principles and practices.

Now that the Federal law both recognizes and protects the Right of the various States to promulgate law that for the medical use of Marijuana as a medicine, a clear conflict is established in law concerning medical marijuana not being a medicine.

Again under The Rule of Lenity: in construing an ambiguous criminal statute, a court should resolve the ambiguity in favor of the defendant.

In the past despite the State of Hawaii breaking away from the now illegal federal prohibition of marijuana, law enforcement has demanded violations of the Right of Privacy due to Federal "color of law" crimes against the medical use of marijuana. Now, under the new Budget Law, those days are done. Marijuana as a medicine in the various States is recognized and protected under Federal Law. This is accepted by the Department of Justice policy although not by all of law enforcement. There isn't any reason why medical marijuana shouldn't be protected as a medicine under the Right of Privacy. There isn't any reason why the State of Hawaii should fail to protect and promote the public health including medical marijuana.

In the State of Hawaii, by law, medical marijuana is relatively safe non-prescription drug, although currently grow your own, although soon to be OTC for registered users. The therapeutic benefit of medical marijuana is not based upon the recommendation to use medical marijuana but the medicinal qualities of the herb. The recreational use of marijuana is still therapeutic; there is no reason to deny the general public the public health and public safety benefits of marijuana.

Merely requiring a patient to register with the State is a violation of the Right of Privacy.

Isn't the State requiring strict compliance with an absurd law and unconstitutional law even more absurd?

Bottom line neither the State nor the Federal Government has demonstrated any relative risk concerning marijuana compared to other medicines. Currently the new drug craze is to vape OTC DM cough medicine for out of body experiences. Aspirin is more medically hazardous than medical marijuana on a relative basis.

Bottom line by law Marijuana is a necessary, appropriate and reasonably safe medicine.

Respect it and protect it.

Mr. President



Pardon Me

Honestly, I am a  
Very Good Medicine

Oath of Office enforced by FBI on State and Federal Level.

Members of the Legislature, Government the police departments that have taken an Oath of Office must not advocate commission of acts of force or violence to prevent others from exercising their rights under the Constitution or laws of the United States or of any State.

Medical Marijuana is a legal medicine under the Laws of the State of Hawaii.

The Federal Budget Law 2015 and 2016 has recognized and protected the State Right to promulgate Medical Marijuana Laws.

Although DEA still classifies marijuana as having no medical use, these new law recognizing and protecting the State Right to declare marijuana is a medicine and provide for its medical use for patients means that Federal Law also recognizes and protects marijuana as a medicine. The Rule of Lenity requires resolution of this conflict to find that in fact marijuana is a medicine and subject to Constitutional Protections. Persons advocating acts of force or violence to prevent others from exercising their rights under the Constitution or laws of the United States or of any State are in violation of Executive Order 10450.

Advocating violations of the Right of Privacy by

- prohibiting, restricting medical marijuana health care delivery or
- advocating criminal penalties for persons accessing medical marijuana healthcare or
- restricting availability, accessibility or affordability of medical marijuana healthcare or
- not protecting and promoting the public health [Article IX of the Hawaii State Constitution] by not providing availability, accessibility or affordability of medical marijuana healthcare or
- not actively protecting the Constitutional Rights to access affordable health care on a timely basis

Are all violations of the Oath of Office which shall be enforced by the FBI on both a Federal and State level.

## Executive Order 10450--Security requirements for Government employment

Source: The provisions of Executive Order 10450 of Apr. 27, 1953, appear at 18 FR 2489, 3 CFR, 1949-1953 Comp., p. 936, unless otherwise noted.

<http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/10450.html>

WHEREAS the interests of the national security require that all persons privileged to be employed in the departments and agencies of the Government, shall be reliable, trustworthy, of good conduct and character, and of complete and unswerving loyalty to the United States; and

WHEREAS the American tradition that all persons should receive fair, impartial, and equitable treatment at the hands of the Government requires that all persons seeking the privilege of employment or privileged to be employed in the departments and agencies of the Government be adjudged by mutually consistent and no less than minimum standards and procedures among the departments and agencies governing the employment and retention in employment of persons in the Federal service:

NOW, THEREFORE,...

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(d) There shall be referred promptly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation all investigations being conducted by any other agencies which develop information indicating that an individual may have been subjected to coercion, influence, or pressure to act contrary to the interests of the national security, or information relating to any of the matters described in subdivisions (2) through (8) of subsection (a) of this section. In cases so referred to it, the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall make a full field investigation.

**Sec. 8. (a) 5 (d)** by the use of the word "shall" requires the FBI to make a full field investigation...of any Oath Holder... which unlawfully advocates or practices the commission of acts of force or violence to prevent others from exercising their rights under the Constitution or laws of the United States or of any State.



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Honorable Hawaii State Legislators

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FREEDOMS IN HEALTHCARE



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Please inform yourself and your staff that Medical Marijuana is considered Kosher in the Jewish Religion. The Rabbi tells me that in the Bible God says essentially that you should take good care of yourself. The Rabbi says that some people should be encouraged to use medical marijuana and some people should be discouraged from using marijuana. Hopefully something as easy as this should be easy to understand. The difficult part which is not the State's responsibility is to advise individual patients on their health care needs. Individual health care decisions are protected under the Right of Privacy. The State responsibility is to protect and promote the public health by doing their best to make Medical Marijuana health care available, accessible and affordable.

In addition to the Right of Privacy, since medical marijuana is Kosher, please apply both the Right of Privacy and the Freedom of Religion to all HRS laws and rules. After reviewing the HRS and applying the Rule of Lenity as ordered by the Hawaii Supreme Court, submit your findings for approval to the Governor and then to both the Supreme Court for a declaratory

decision and to the Legislature to repair the irreconcilably conflicted law. This will avoid wasting Police, Judicial, and Health Care Resources and tax payer money while protecting both the public health and public safety.

Please Do Not Allow any further violations of the Oath of Office concerning Medical Marijuana.

Medical Marijuana has always been Kosher in the Jewish Religion. Israel is one of the world leaders in Medical Marijuana research, development and application because it is both Kosher and an Adaptogen and Polycrest. As an Adaptogen, Cannabis balances the cells, tissues and organ functions. Cannabis protects the brain and nervous system from injury, trauma and cell death. As a Polycrest, Cannabis treats many diseases. Because it is Kosher, Marijuana is Holy.

Of course there is Kosher Marijuana in Israel. Kosher marijuana is also sold in Colorado. Now the largest Orthodox Jewish Kosher union has certified a variety of commercial medical marijuana products as Kosher to be sold in the State of NY.

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It is used in **rabbinical Judaism** to refer to the **613 commandments** given in the **Torah** at **biblical Mount Sinai** and the **seven rabbinic commandments** instituted later for a total of 620. The 613 commandments are divided into two categories: 365 negative commandments and 248 positive commandments. According to the **Talmud**, all **moral laws** are, or are derived from, **divine commandments**.

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# Tablet

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December 30, 2015

In July 2014, [five companies were awarded licenses by the New York State Health Department](#) to grow and sell marijuana in the state, and in New York City. One of them, a Minneapolis-based company called [Vireo Health](#), which produces “pharmaceutical-grade cannabis-derived medicine,” announced Wednesday that all of its products had received kosher certification from the Orthodox Union. Vireo’s pot products—intended [by law](#) for use by patients who suffer from a variety of serious illnesses, including cancer, Parkinson’s disease, epilepsy, and HIV/AIDS, among [many others](#)—are apparently the first to have the “OU” trademark attached to it.

That kief, intended to alleviate pain and suffering? It’s kosher. Apparently it’s a mitzvah, too:

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**THANK GOD**



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Recognizing Religious Freedoms  
Freedom of Religion

Please insert the following language:

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the religious use of Cannabis, Marijuana, is hereby recognized and protected from seed to salvation, including but not limited to, the cultivation, storage, possession, possession of paraphernalia, manufacture, compounding, augmentation, distribution and sales. The religious use of Cannabis shall not be infringed.



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Testimony for HLT/JUD on Feb 12, 2016 09:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is COMMON SENSE. Please think about how much electricity will drive up costs to grow and send people back to the black market for affordable meds. SUPPORT the SUN!

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Tamara Paltin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Kerri Marks	Individual	Support	No

Comments: strong support

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alika Atay	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin Henderson, APRN	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a licensed healthcare professional who has worked with marijuana using patients in 4 medical marijuana states I find the suggestion of limiting cultivation to indoor warehouses to be the number 1 best option to keep a strong black market going in Hawaii. Justin Henderson, RN, APRN

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